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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 25 May 1954

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General John M. Willems, acting for Assistant Chief
of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Dr. Charles H. Reichardt, Atomic Energy Commission
Representative to the IAC
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

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Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. Otto E. Guthe, Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Mr. J. W. Lydman, Department of State
Mr. Harold W. Jacobson, Department of State
Lt. Colonel Vasco J. Fenili, Department of the Army
Lt. Colonel John Arthur, Department of the Army
Lt. Colonel James G. Martin, Department of the Army
Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Robert Totten, United States Air Force
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force
Colonel William S. Boyd, United States Air Force
Colonel Lawrence D. Bell, United States Air Force
Lt. Colonel Julius Z. Mims, United States Air Force
Lt. Colonel Clyde C. Wooten, United States Air Force
Rear Admiral E. T. Layton, The Joint Staff
Colonel John E. Leary, The Joint Staff
Commander R. M. Niles, The Joint Staff

JAMES Q. REBER
Acting Secretary

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Approval of Minutes
(IAC-M-153, 20 May)

1. Action: Approved.

Reconsideration of NIE 13-54,
"Communist China's Power
Potential Through 1957"

2. Action: Approved as amended.

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Proposed Release of
NIE 11-3A-54 to

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3. Action: Agreed to postpone final consideration until the next meeting.

4. Discussion: [redacted] explained that NIE 65, which had included data on the same subject as the current estimate and classified as Top Secret, had been released

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5. The Air Force had submitted this proposal for release to the State-Defense Military Information Committee (SD-MIC) and while the State Department had concurred, with the Army and Navy non-concurring, the request for an SD-MIC ruling had now been withdrawn on the ground that action on this release by SD-MIC was not required. General Samford explained that he had come to this view on the ground that within the purview of paragraph 5 b of NSCID-1, SD-MIC policy pertained only to U.S. military information such as information on military hardware. It was General Samford's opinion, concurred in by

[redacted] that the paper proposed for release did not reveal intelligence methods.

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6. There was some discussion of the relationship between SD-MIC and the IAC in regard to the question of authority for release of military information. While this relationship was not completely clarified, it was noted that the military intelligence chiefs are both IAC members and responsible for Defense participation in SD-MIC.

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7. [redacted]

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Colonel Bell pointed out that the President's memorandum to all Departments and Agencies of May 25, 1953 which pertained to the release of information to foreign governments had been amended by a supplementing Presidential memorandum to the Secretary of Defense bearing on the release of intelligence and intelligence information to foreign governments. He explained that the need-to-know requirement as stated in the first cited memorandum could be waived in the presence of a judgment of net advantage to the United States. The Chairman suggested that the members give further consideration to this matter for action at the next meeting.

Communist Capabilities
in Indochina (NIE 10-3-54)

8. Action: Approved as amended.

Proposed Release of
NIE 63-3-54
[redacted]

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9. Action: Approved release [redacted]
(Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Armstrong reported receipt of General Smith's concurrence, pending which, final approval had been withheld at the meeting.)

Matters for NSC Briefing

10. The Chairman said that he would appreciate receiving any late intelligence regarding the status of the Chinese offshore islands, particularly the Ta-ch'en group, in view of reported Chinese Communist activities which might bear upon an attempt to seize the islands.

11. He also requested any later information on activities in the Indochina delta region.

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Secretary's Notes:

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1. All agencies having concurred in the proposed release [redacted] of NIE 65-54, "The Political Outlook for Indonesia Through 1954," (memo from ONE to IAC dated 5 May 1954), this estimate was released on 26 May 1954.

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2. The Board of National Estimates has recommended the non-release to any foreign government of NIE 10-3-54, "Communist Capabilities in Indochina," (memo from ONE to IAC dated 23 May 1954).

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